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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO RIFAI ON SECRETARY'S MOSCOW TALKS

1. PLEASE CONVEY TO RIFAI FOLLOWING MESSAGE CONCERNIN MY
MIDDLE EAST DISCUSSION IN MOSCOW.:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR ZAID: THE MIDDLE EAST WAS NOT A MAJOR
SUBJECT OF MY DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW, BUT WITH THE THOUGHT THAT
YOU MIGHT NONETHELESS BE INTERESTED, I AM SENDING YOU THIS
BRIEF ACCOUNT. I HAVE ALWAYS VALUED THE FULL AND FRANK EXCHANGES
ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST THAT HAVE CHARACTERIZED THE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

I TALKED ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST WITH GROMYKO ON THE FINAL
DAY OF MY VISIT. OUR DISCUSSION BROKE NO NEW GROUND. WE
AGREED THAT IW AS IMPORTANT TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE
GENEVA NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE, AND THAT THE PRESENT STATE OF
AFFAIRS IN THE MIDDLE EAST COULD NOT BE MAINTAINED INDEFINITELY.
I STRESSED TO GROMYKO THE COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO
MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT AT THE RIGHT IME.

WE ALSO AGREED THAT A WAY SHOULD BE FOUND TO REASSEMBLE
THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. GROMYKO, HOWEVER, HELD TO THE SOVIET
POSITION THAT THE PLO WOULD HAVE TO BE PRESENT WHETHER THE
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CONFERENCE WERE RECONVEND FORMALLY OR FOR AN INFORMAL

PREPARATORY SESSION. I TOLD GROMYKO THAT, AS HE KNEW, THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR US AT THIS MOMENT, AND THAT WE HAD INTENDED THE IDEA OF A PREPARATORY CONFERENCE AS A WAY AROUND THIS PROBLEM. WE DID NOT BELIEVE WE COULD HAVE A PARTY TO THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT DID NOT ACCEPT THE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL OR THE RESOLUTIONS THAT CONSTITUTED A FRAMEWORK FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS.

MY DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW THUS DID NOT REPRESENT A BREAKTHROUGH OUT OF OUR PRESENT SITUATION. I WANT YOU TO KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE NEED FOR PROGRESS AND DETERMINED TO PROMOTE IT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO PRIME MINISTER RABIN'S VISIT NEXT WEEK AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS PROCESS.

PRESIDENT FORD AND I ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND HIS MAJESTY IN MARCH. MEANWHILE, MY WARM GOOD WISHES. SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER.
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